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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE: KOREA

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1. FRG AMBASSADOR STELTZER CHAIRED MEETING OF CAIRO
CORE GROUP JULY 29 TO DISCUSS DRAFT AIDE-MEMOIRE
WHICH HAD BEEN DRAFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS
FROM BONN. STELTZER WILL PRESENT IT TO DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN
FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA AT 1200 AUGUST 2 (NOT AUGUST 3 AS
REPORTED REFTEL. TEXT OF AGREED UPON DRAFT TRANSMITTED
SEPTTEL.

2. DURING DISCUSSION KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL SAID THAT
IN JULY 28 DEMARCHE TO DIRECTOR MFA INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT HE HAD STRESSED POINT THAT
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INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE KOREAN ISSUE WAS NOT

CONDUCTIVE TO SERIOUS NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS. ON CONTRARY, IT WOULD ESCALATE TENSION AND STRUGGLE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA BE LEFT TO THEMSELVES TO NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF SELF-DETERMINATION WHICH THE NAC PROFFESSES TO SUPPORT. HE HAD FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT IF UN COMMAND, WHICH IS PARTY TO 1953 TREATY, DISSOLVED, ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL BE NULL AND VOID. HE HAD SAID KOREA ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN THREE STAGES. FIRST, STABILIZATION OF SECURITY SITUATION ON THE PENINSULA; SECOND, SERIES OF MOVES TO INCREASE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND THIRD, FULL PEACE. WHILE GROUP APPRECIATED VALIDITY THESE POINTS BEING MADE ORALLY, THEY WERE NOT INCORPORATED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE.

3. AMBASSADOR EILTS POINTED OUT THAT GOE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH ARGUMENTS FAVORING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF KOREAN ISSUE, AND BASIC PROBLEM IN HIS VIEW WAS TO FIND WAY TO HELP GOE EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM LONGSTANDING POSITION SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA IN VIEW OF A) GOE FEAR OF BEING LABELED US STOOGES WHICH RADICAL ARABS HAVE ACCUSED IT OF SINCE SINAI II; B) NORTH KOREAN SUPPORT FOR SINAI II; AND C) GOE HOPES FOR SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM NORTH KOREA WHICH WESTERN COUNTRIES UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO SUPPLY. AMBASSADOR FELT THAT GOE WOULD BE PLEASED TO REVERSE ITS POSITION IF IT COULD FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS DILEMMA. HE THOUGHT BEST WE COULD PROBABLY HOPE FOR WAS TO PERSUADE GOE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITHIN NAC TO GET OTHERS TO TAKE MORE MODERATE POSITION WHICH IT COULD SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED EMBASSY'S STRENUOUS EFFORTS WITH GOE ON THIS ISSUE OVER PAST YEAR AND MENTIONED THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE SENDING A SPECIAL LETTER TO FAHMY ON THE SUBJECT. HE BELIEVED THAT CORE GROUP APPROACH WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL POINTED OUT THAT NORTH KOREA HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED OAU TO TAKE POSITION FAVORABLE TO IT. HOWEVER, OAU HAD REFUSED ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD SPLIT THE ORGANIZATION WITH COMMENSURATE GAINS. HE BELIEVED SAME LOGIC COULD APPLY TO NAC. HE HAD THUS SUGGESTED TO GOE THAT EGYPT COULD BE CHAMPION OF UNITY OF NAC BY

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PROPOSING THAT KOREAN ISSUE NOT BE DISCUSSED TO AVOID DIVISIVENESS. OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS WERE UNANIMOUS IN BELIEVING THAT IN VIEW OF ENERGETIC NORTH KOREAN CAMPAIGN, IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT ISSUE WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN COLOMBO.

5. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT SENTENCE IN AIDE-MEMOIRE REFERRING TO GOE PAST SUPPORT FOR REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED

COUNTRIES AND ACCEPTANCE OF UN AUSPICES FOR TRUCE AGREEMENT
BE DELETED IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITIES. THIS WAS APPROVED
AS WAS DELETION OF ANOTHER MENTION OF REUNIFICATION.

6. FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON DRAFT AIDE-MEMOIRE KOREAN
CONSUL GENERAL REVEALED THAT DURING PAST YEAR HE HAD ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS ASKED GOE IF IT WOULD HOST NORTH-SOUTH
DIALOGUE IN CAIRO. GOE OFFICIALS HAD RESPONDED THAT
EGYPT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO IN VIEW OF ITS MANY DIFFICULTIES
WITH OTHER ARABS AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OVER ISSUES
WHICH AFFECTED EGYPT'S INTERESTS IN MORE DIRECT WAY.
KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL ALSO SAID HE PREFERRED DEMARCHES
BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, BUT SENTIMENT OF GROUP CLEARLY
FAVORED CORE GROUP APPROACH.
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